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The Basic Food Index (BFI) for APRIL 2019 registered at 104.5 points, an increase of 1.3% from the MARCH Index of 103.2 points.

Seven major food outlets were selected for this monthly survey.

Five food commodities contributed to the increase in basic food cost: chicken legs, fresh fish, sausage, canned tuna and sugar. Chicken legs recorded a 9.9 percent hike having the greatest month to month price increase in the month of April. The average price for sausage increased by 0.5% this month for the third time since February while the cost of canned tuna increased by 0.7% for the first time again since December 2018. Fresh fish and sugar both registered a 1.2% increase from last month.

Corned beef continues to drop by another -0.4% from last month along with few other food items such as: rice (-0.4%), pork spare ribs (-0.9%), turkey tails (-0.6%) and ice cream (-1.6%). Eggs and mayonnaise showed a decline in average costs since December 2018 and still continues to decline.

The price of food items not specifically referenced above remained constant from the previous month.

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